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components. The general contractor of the insured mortgaged property shall have the responsibility for:

- (1) Insuring the components in the name of the mortgagor while in transit and storage; and
- (2) Delivering or contracting for the delivery of the components to the storage area and to the construction site, including payment of freight.
- (d) *Advances*. (1) Before an advance for a building component stored offsite is insured:
 - (i) The mortgagor shall:
- (A) Obtain a bill of sale for the component;
- (B) Give the mortgagee a security agreement; and
- (C) File a financing statement in accordance with the Uniform Commercial Code; and
- (ii) The mortgagee shall warrant to HUD that the security instruments are a first lien on the building components covered by the instruments except for such other liens or encumbrances as may be approved by HUD.
- (2) Before each advance for building components stored off-site is insured, the mortgagor's architect shall certify to HUD that the components, in their intended use, comply with HUD-approved contract plans and specifications. Under those circumstances permitted by HUD in which there is no architect, compliance with the HUD-approved contract plans and specifications shall be determined by HUD.
- (3) Advances may be made only for components stored off-site in a quantity required to permit uninterrupted installation at the site.
- (4) At no time shall the invoice value of building components being stored off-site, for which advances have been HUD insured, represent more than 50 percent of the total estimated construction costs for the insured mortgaged project as specified in the construction contract. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence and other regulatory requirements that set bonding requirements, the percentage of total estimated construction costs insured by advances under this section may exceed 25 percent but not 50 percent if the mortgagor furnishes assurance of completion in the form of a corporate surety bond for the payment and perform-

ance each in the amount of 100 percent of the amount of the construction contract. In no event will insurance of advances for components stored off-site be made in the absence of a payment and a performance bond.

(5) No single advance that is to be insured shall be in an amount less than \$10,000.

§ 242.48 Insured advances for certain equipment and long lead items.

The Commissioner may allow advances for certain pieces of equipment or other construction materials for which a manufacturer, fabricator, or other source requires an interim payment(s) in order to assure the timely manufacture or fabrication and delivery to the project site. Such advances can be made only if a bill of sale or an invoice describes the material or equipment and its completion and delivery dates in no uncertain terms, and that such displayed timetable is necessary to meet the requirements of the overall construction schedule cited in the construction contract.

§ 242.49 Funds and finances: deposits and letters of credit.

- (a) Deposits. Where HUD requires the mortgagor to make a deposit of cash or securities, such deposit shall be with the mortgagee or a depository acceptable to the mortgagee. Any such deposit shall be held in a separate account for and on behalf of the mortgagor, and shall be the responsibility of the mortgagee.
- (b) Letter of credit. Where the use of a letter of credit is acceptable to HUD in lieu of a deposit of cash or securities, the letter of credit shall be issued to the mortgagee by a banking institution acceptable to the lender. The mortgagee shall be responsible to HUD for collection under the letter of credit. In the event a demand for payment thereunder is not immediately met, the mortgagee shall forthwith provide a cash deposit equivalent to the undrawn balance of the letter of credit.
- (c) Mortgagee not issuer. The mortgagee of record may not be the issuer of the letter of credit without the prior written consent of HUD.